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1. On 11 May 1951, an artillery unit was bivouacked about 500 meters west of the Neuholdensleben-Born road, about 1 km south of the point where the road to Huetten branches off. From 15 to 20 trucks and from 10 to 12 artillery pieces were parked beside huts constructed of branches. Heavy traffic of individual vehicles, loaded with troops, materiel, ration supplies, and ammunition was observed on the Neuholdensleben-Born road.

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2. Roads barred to civilian traffic included: the road branching off north of Neuholdensleben and going to Huetten and Planken; the Born-Planken-Hesebcrf road; the Dolle-Letzlingen road; and the concrete road to Staats which branches off the Dolle-Letzlingen road. Residents of Born stated that the number of troops at Letzling Heath this year was substantially increased as compared with previous years.

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3. The troops permanently stationed at Hillersleben were still in their quarters on 11 May. Signal sections were seen constructing telephone lines from Hillersleben toward Wiedingen and along the road toward Meseberg.

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[REDACTED] each occupied by 12 to 15 soldiers and towing an AT gun, were seen leaving the troop quarters on the eastern edge of Hillersleben. Local residents stated that a tank repair shop was housed in the reconditioned buildings of the former German sound-ranging installation, 1 km north of Hillersleben. \*\*

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